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SUBJECT: UNSC MEMBERSHIP DEMARCHE DELIVERED

REF: A. STATE 173465  
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Classified By: Charge Katherine Dhanani. Reason: 1.4 (b) & (d).

(C) Charge delivered Ref A demarche to MFA Director for International Organizations Wilfrid Ontchanga on October 18. Ontchanga promised to communicate the USG's request that Gabon continue to support Guatemala to Minister Ping. Although he was unable to provide an official response, he commented that he believed identification of a compromise candidate would be the best outcome. In his view, it is important to avoid creating winners and losers at the UN. Post believes that, if it persists, Venezuela's continued refusal to withdraw will be viewed unfavorably in Gabon.  
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